Communication User Group Meeting: July 15, 2009

Then Clermont County Communication User Group meeting began at 9:00 AM. Attendance sheet is as attached. County Commissioner Ed Humphrey, County Administrator David Spinney, Department Head of Office of Tech., Comm., Security Steve Rabolt, and DPSS Director Beth Nevel were representatives from the County. Agenda was available, as well as the minutes from the May 20 and June 17th meetings.

Pierce Township Trustee Conrad was introduced. Police Chief Steve Bailey was in attendance.

A lengthy dialog was had with all in attendance concerning all aspects of public safety communications, to include funding of operations and the infrastructure improvements.

Project updates that were wrapped into the above mentioned discussion included:

CAD implementation project is on track. Acceptance is expected in next thirty days. Enhancements will be forth coming, but the Request for Bid and contracted work is nearing completion.

MDC software upgrades are being completed. Several of the MDC's need to be replaced because they can not accept software upgrade. This needs to occur for the CAD interface to work with the MDC's.

The County now has the in-house ability to program Motorola equipment, but does not have anyone trained nor the software to program and trouble shoot other manufacturer's units.

DATA: Discussed multiple options and funding sources from various sources, both local and federal.

RE-BANDING: Discussion was held on the differences between the re-banding and the flash up-grade projects. LE is completed. Fire/EMS is in the process of being re-banded and will be completed by end of July 2009. Infrastructure will be completed in August and September. Infield testing needs to occur both before and after the changeover to new frequencies.

FLASH UP-GRADES: When the re-banding is acceptance tested and approved by FCC, the Flash Upgrade project will begin. Mobilcomm will come to the field. Analog capabilities may be lost.

RED LINE: Update was given. Consultant recommended new antenna, which has been ordered and ready for install.

Trustee Conrad thanked the group for the overall status update. With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is August 19, 2009 at 9:00 AM at the Engineer Bldg. Training Room.